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Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

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Commission Appoints New Executive Director

The Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana (CISC) has appointed Mark Fairchild as its second Executive Director. He will begin in the role on March 6, 2023.

Mr. Fairchild currently serves as the Director of Policy & Communication at Covering Kids & Families of Indiana. With previous stints at the Children's Bureau (now Firefly Children & Family Alliance), Damar, and the National Association of Social Workers Indiana Chapter (NASW-IN), Fairchild's career has included direct service, administrative roles, policy, and advocacy, all focused on child and youth wellbeing. Fairchild has served as a member of the Commission's Child Health and Safety Task Force for the past five years. He holds a Master of Social Work Degree from The Ohio State University.

As Executive Director, Fairchild will lead the Commission in the implementation of its [strategic plan](#), coordinating among the three branches of state government, the Commission's work groups, and members of the public. Fairchild takes the reins from the Commission's first Executive Director, Julie Whitman, who is leaving to take a role at Lilly Endowment Inc., after five years with the Commission.